



THE SOVIET AIR FORCE HAS BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE RESISTANCE AND THE RESULTS OF THESE OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN AS FOLLOWS: THE SOVIET AIR FORCE HAS LAUNCHED RAIDS ON THE RESISTANCE'S HEADQUARTERS AND BASES, DESTROYING THEM AND CAPTURING THE RESISTANCE'S WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT. THE SOVIET AIR FORCE HAS ALSO LAUNCHED RAIDS ON THE RESISTANCE'S COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION LINES, DESTROYING THEM AND CAPTURING THE RESISTANCE'S WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT. THE SOVIET AIR FORCE HAS ALSO LAUNCHED RAIDS ON THE RESISTANCE'S REAR AREA, DESTROYING THEM AND CAPTURING THE RESISTANCE'S WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT.

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ON 15 MAY 1957, THE SOVIET KREMLIN PUBLISHED A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF SUCH AN ACTION IN THE LONGAN PROVINCE. A LARGE CARAVAN WAS IDENTIFIED BY AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE. A SOVIET-DRA FORCE STORMED IT AND AMONG THE LARGE QUANTITIES OF WEAPONS CAPTURED WERE "56 FOREIGN-MADE PORTABLE ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILE LAUNCHERS".

RECENTLY, THE RESISTANCE STARTED TO EMPLOY DEDICATED "HELICOPTER HUNTING DETACHMENTS", AMBUSHING HELICOPTERS NEAR AIR BASES AND IN KNOWN CHOKER POINTS. THEY ALSO OPERATE HIGHLY MOBILE DETACHMENTS IN PICK-UP TRUCKS AND MOTORCYCLES.

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((TEXT)) THE SOVIETS SUPPRESS THE STATIC AMBUSHES BY MINING AND  
 CONTAMINATING THE MOST SUITABLE AMBUSH SITES. THEY ALSO RELENTLESSLY  
 HUNT THESE MOBILE DETACHMENTS, ON LAND AND BY HELICOPTER.

IN MAY DURING THE INTENSIFIED FIGHTING IN THE QANDAHAR PROVINCE,  
 THE SOVIETS ATTACKED AT LEAST TWO LARGE HELICOPTER HUNTING  
 DETACHMENTS, CAPTURING SEVERAL STINGERS.

IN THE WORST CASE, A DETACHMENT GIVES ITSELF AWAY BY SHOOTING DOWN  
 A HELICOPTER OR AN AIRCRAFT. KRASHAYA ZVEZDA ALSO DESCRIBED AN  
 INCIDENT ON 5 JANUARY IN THE QANDAHAR PROVINCE WHEN A RESISTANCE  
 FIGHTER FIRED A STINGER NEAR QANDAHAR WHICH MISSED ITS TARGET.

THE ROAD-HEAD IMMEDIATELY LAUNCHED A SEARCH AND EVENTUALLY  
 AMBUSHED THE RESISTANCE FORCE, KILLING 16 FIGHTERS AND CAPTURING ONE.  
 THE CAPTURED MATERIAL ALSO INCLUDED THREE U.S. STINGER MISSILE  
 LAUNCHERS.

THE SOVIETS CLAIM THAT SEVERAL DOCUMENTS POINTING TO THE U.S.  
 SUPPLY OF THE STINGERS WERE ALSO CAPTURED BY THE KHAD.

THE SOVIETS ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BLOWPIPE  
 AND THE STINGER, AS WELL AS THE OTHER HIGH QUALITY WEAPONS  
 REPORTEDLY SUPPLIED TO THE RESISTANCE.



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((TEXT)) HOWEVER, THERE STILL EXISTS THE QUESTION OF HOW MANY AIRCRAFT WERE SHOT DOWN, AND WHEN. SINCE 1985 THERE HAVE BEEN CONFLICTING REPORTS ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SAMs IN AFGHANISTAN.

FOR EXAMPLE, IN LATE-1986, A U.S. SPOKESMAN ATTRIBUTED TO THE RESISTANCE SOME 60-100 HELICOPTERS AND AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS OF 1986 (JAN 27 DECEMBER 1986).

DURING THAT PERIOD, RESPONSIBLE SOURCES CLAIMED THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE TO CONFIRM THE RESISTANCE HIT ONLY 23 AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS (EIGHT IN PAKTIA, FIVE IN MANGARHAR TWO IN NERAT, THREE NEAR BACHAN AND FIVE NEAR JALALABAD).

IN 1987, WESTERN SOURCES CONTINUE TO OUT-CLAIM THE RESISTANCE. ARE DISTINCT PERIODS, DURING MASSIVE OFFENSIVES, WHEN THE RESISTANCE SHOT DOWN, OR AT LEAST HIT, A SOVIET-DRA AIRCRAFT ALMOST EVERY DAY.

FOR EXAMPLE, DURING THE FIGHTING IN THE SOUTH-EASTERN PROVINCE IN MAY-JUNE, THE RESISTANCE SHOT DOWN AT LEAST 12 AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS IN A TWO-THREE WEEK PERIOD. HOWEVER, THIS WAS DURING

A PERIOD OF INTENSIVE FIGHTING WHICH PRESENTED THE RESISTANCE WITH AN

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...OF SAMS  
...THE REMOVAL OF THE THREAT OF HELICOPTER STRIKES, BUT RATHER  
...IN THE SOVIET-DRA SHELLING, BOMBING AND  
...BY FIRE.

SINCE THE RESISTANCE IS INCAPABLE OF PROTECTING THE LOCAL  
POPULATION, AS WELL AS ITS OWN, THE NET OUTCOME OF THE  
INTRODUCTION OF THESE WEAPONS HAS BEEN A RUTHLESS SUPPRESSION AND  
DESTRUCTION OF THE RESISTANCE INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUPPORTING  
POPULATION IN AREAS WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN LEFT INTACT.

ADMITTEDLY, SOME SAMS AIRCRAFT ARE LOST WHEN THE BOMB PAKISTANI  
BORDER, WHERE THE RESISTANCE SADDAMERS AND BASES NEAR THAT BORDER.  
BUT THEY STILL ARE IN THE BURNING LINE AREA AND NOT RESISTANCE  
STRONGHOLDS IN THE DEEP INTERIOR. MORE HELICOPTERS ARE LOST WHEN  
THEY RAID RESISTANCE FORCES NEAR THE PAKISTANI BORDER, CLOSING  
THE RESISTANCE LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS AND HURTING ITS  
COMMANDERS.

THEREFORE, THE INITIAL RESULTS OF THE INTRODUCTION OF  
SOPHISTICATED SAMS TO AFGHANISTAN ARE A MIXED BAG AT BEST. THERE  
WAS AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SOVIET-DRA LOSSES. HOWEVER, THE  
MISSILES HAD NO IMPACT ON THE GENERAL COURSE OF THE WAR.  
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